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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 23, 2004

Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Action (the "Action") mailed on July 23, 2004.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-15.

Please add the following new claims:

16. (New) An adhesive or binder for substrates comprising an emulsion polymer, which includes

- a) at least 15 weight percent of nitrogen-containing monomers;
- b) crosslinking functionality; and
- c) a protective colloid.

17. (New) The adhesive or binder according to Claim 16, wherein the protective colloid is a polyvinyl alcohol.

18. (New) The adhesive or binder according to Claim 17, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol is fully hydrolyzed.